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TICKER TAPES HOLD UP WELL AS ROOSEVELT GOES BACK IN

New York City
The financial experts of Republican newspapers who predicted the stock market would collapse if Roosevelt won wiped the crocodile tears off their crystal balls Nov. 8.

Results of the national election failed to alter the course of the stock market, financial pages admitted, reporting that prices jiggled down a little, then rose again, trading was active and stocks closed firm and high the day after the election.

Only noticeable effect was big buying of grain stocks, due to the belief that now the Roosevelt administration's farm subsidy program will continue, and selling of utility stocks, which speculators had been buying on the possibility of a Republican victory.

Stocks in general weren't upset because nobody was really surprised. "The market had anticipated President Roosevelt's re-election," the Wall Street Journal, house organ of big business, commented.

United States Battle Casualties Half Million

Washington, D.C.
Battle casualties of the U.S. armed forces now total 487,692, according to the War and Navy departments. This includes 108,897 dead, 257,653 wounded, 63,043 missing, and 58,099 prisoners of war.

AFL MEMBERSHIP NEARS 7 MILLION MARK, SECRETARY TELLS DELEGATES

New Orleans, Louisiana
A gain of nearly 50,000 since the last convention brought the AFL membership to 6,818,400, reported Secretary-Treasurer George Meany at the opening of the 64th Annual Convention here. Largest affiliate, he said, was now the International Association of Machinists with 665,900 dues-paying members. Close runner-up is the Teamsters with 629,200, and next comes the Carpenters with 600,000.

The Executive Council, in its annual report to the convention, denounced the refusal of the CIO to discuss unity moves and said that this lack of unity in the post-war period might prove disastrous. (The 7th annual CIO convention was being held concurrently in Chicago.)

Admission of the United Mine Workers into the AFL fold still awaits elimination of the stumbling-block of District 50, where the UMW jurisdiction conflicts with that of other AFL affiliates.

It was reported that the Executive Council had again refused to accept an invitation to send delegates to the January 8 world labor conference in London, proposed by the British Trades Union Congress. Among the reasons listed by William Green for the turn-down was objection to sitting with CIO representatives and with delegates from trade unions of Soviet Russia.

THANKSGIVING DAY--1944



Board Chairman Says 'Soon' But Tempus Fugit!

Washington, D.C.

Chairman William H. Davis of the National War Labor Board said that the report of the President's Cost of Living Committee was in preparation and would be sent to the White House "very soon."

Conferences between Davis and the labor and industry members of the committee have been in progress for some time, and he indicated that in addition to the joint report, there would be "comments on it" by the labor and industry people.

'Christian Americans' Put Over Their Baby In at Least Two States

Little Rock, Arkansas

A state constitutional amendment banning the closed shop, smashingly defeated in California, won out in Arkansas and Florida, incomplete voting returns showed November 9.

In all three states the proposals were similarly worded and were known as the "right to work" amendments. A high-powered campaign by AFL, CIO and railroad brotherhood unions succeeded in killing the amendment in California, but in Arkansas and Florida labor was not strong enough to prevent its adoption.

The closed shop ban here follows adoption two years earlier of a drastic labor control act pushed by the Christian Americans, a native fascist group operating primarily in the south.

Musicians Win Platter Fight After 2 Years

New York City

Ending a two-year union ban on record making, RCA-Victor, the Columbia Recording Co. and the National Broadcasting Company signed contracts with the American Federation of Musicians, providing insurance against joblessness.

The agreements were hailed by AFM Pres. James C. Petrillo as "the greatest victory for a labor organization in the history of the labor movement."

Petrillo estimated that the union will receive \$4,000,000 a year under the agreements which require the companies to give to the union's unemployment fund $\frac{1}{4}$ cent on each 35c record and up to 5c on each \$5 disc played over the radio.

SPENDING THE MONEY

A union convention will decide exactly how the money will be spent to "spread musical culture and give employment to musicians who have been put out of work by the records," Petrillo said.

Another contract provision, not included in agreements signed by Decca records and 104 smaller firms a year ago, declared that artists having personal contracts with the companies are free to work for other firms friendly to the union should the AFM call a strike against the major record-makers.

VICTOR STARTS IN

Eighteen hours after the contracts were signed, RCA-Victor made its first record since August 1, 1942, date when the musicians' union instituted its ban on the grounds that canned music was throwing musicians out of work.

The three companies bowed to the union after exhausting all legal means of fighting the ban. An anti-trust suit filed by the Justice Department against the union was thrown out by the courts.

Bartenders Get Out Vote When Bars Are Closed

San Diego, Calif.

All bars were closed here election day, so waiters and bartenders of Local 500, Hotel and Restaurant Employees International Alliance (AFL), spent the day being good citizens.

First the unionists voted early to clear the polls for latecomers and then they made a mass visit to the Red Cross blood bank where they each donated a pint of blood.

News From

TEAMSTERS 890

Warehousemen and Teamsters Union 890
Salinas, California

War Fund Still Short of Goal; Labor Aid Asked

The Salinas Valley War Fund still is short of its goal of \$96,000, and all labor unions and labor union members are urged to make donations where possible, to bring this necessary fund "over the top."

Secretary W. G. Kenyon of the Salinas labor council made a special appeal to council delegates last week, asking that they in turn contact their unions and urge that the War Fund be brought above its goal at once.

Employers. Some 150 lettuce truck drivers are affected.

We regret to report the death of Brother Manuel Tevis. He was buried last Saturday, November 18. Brother Tevis was gatekeeper at Spiegel Foods Company. The Union sends its condolences to the family of the deceased member.

DALE WARD TAKES OVER INSURANCE BUSINESS

Dale Ward, business agent for the Monterey County Building and Construction Trades Council for several years, has increased his insurance business with opening of general headquarters for Farmers Insurance Group at 215 Del Monte Ave., Monterey, serving the entire Monterey Peninsula.

Brother Ward will continue as business agent for the building trades groups for the time being, devoting early hours to union business and conducting the insurance business at other times.

Brother Ward has long been a representative for the Farmers Council in Monterey and recently took over the local franchise for the insurance group, which handles every form of insurance except straight life insurance.

In addition to the union activity and the new insurance business, Brother Ward is active in civic affairs, being on the ration board, the war manpower commission, and the veterans rehabilitation committee, as well as being a leader in the Elks Lodge here.

Progressives In Wisconsin Slip Badly; Now Only Third In State

Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Although the Progressive party polled only 6 per cent of the Wisconsin vote, its slender vote was credited with handing the state's 12 electoral votes to Gov. Dewey.

Roosevelt lost the state by some 20,000 votes this year, while in 1940 he carried Wisconsin by 25,000 votes with the support of the Progressives. Under the leadership of isolationist Sen. Robert LaFollette, major support of the Progressives was thrown to Dewey, although many Progressives supported Roosevelt. Rep. Howard McMurray (D), who ran for the Senate, and Daniel Hoan (D), who ran for governor.

Almost complete returns showed that Alex O. Benz, Progressive candidate for governor, got 67,611 votes to 641,225 for Gov. Walter S. Goodland, incumbent Republican, and 493,654 for Hoan.

Republican Sen. Alexander Wiley retained his seat, winning 581,224 votes to 493,602 for McMurray (D), who ran for the Senate, and 67,707 for Harry Sauthoff, Progressive.

The United Labor Committee's candidate, Andrew Blennier (D), won the seat vacated by McMurray with a plurality of almost 10,000 votes over his Republican opponent, Lewis E. Thill.

Progressives, slipping down to the position of third party in the state, succeeded in taking only one important office—a congressional seat won by Merlin Hull who was unopposed by either of the two major parties. Progressives also failed to elect a candidate to a state office and sent only six assemblymen and five senators to the legislature which it at one time controlled.

Jap Situation Here Discussed

Long discussion of the return of Japanese to California ensued at the last meeting of the Salinas labor council after it was reported that Japs are being returned by the War Relocation Authority to this area.

Action of the American Legion in condemning the return of Japs to California was discussed. Course of action for the labor council was considered and a special committee was named to draw a resolution protesting return of the Japanese here.

Preliminary negotiations have been started by Local 890 with the shippers and growers. Ralph E. Meyers is representing the em-



LABOR-BAITERS ATTACK AGAIN!

Labor on Defensive Once More as Women's Outfit Springs New Referendum

(Release from Office of California State Federation of Labor)

San Francisco, Calif.

The new anti-labor bill, which the Federation has discussed previously, sponsored by the Women of the Pacific, a subsidized organization closely associated with the Merchants and Manufacturers Association, is being summarized for the enlightenment of all our readers.

This organization will have to obtain the signatures of 111,727 registered voters and certify the petitions to the Secretary of State ten days before the State Legislature convenes next January 8. If they succeed in qualifying the measure, the State Legislature will have to take action on it. If the Legislature does not enact the bill into law within forty days after presentation by the Secretary of State, then the proposed measure will go on the ballot for the vote of the people at the next general election.

2. It would be a criminal conspiracy to agree to conduct an "unlawful" strike, boycott or picket line. (Since the essence of a strike, boycott or picket line is an agreement, those participating would be guilty of a felony and subject to a penitentiary sentence.)

3. Every member of a union would be considered an agent of a union, therefore, every member of a union which participates in "unlawful" activity would be a party to that activity and liable to all the penalties, civil and criminal.

4. The provisions of the Sherman Anti-Trust Act would apply to unions as combinations in restraint of trade.

5. Policemen, firemen, employees of publicly owned utilities, hospitals, etc., are forbidden to strike. Such a strike would be regarded as "a revolt against the government," and those connected with it in any way would be guilty of a felony. ENFORCEMENT

The proposal provides for prosecution by the Attorney General and by district attorneys in the criminal courts, and suits for damages and for injunctions may also be brought. Several of the sections provide definitely for a fine of \$5,000.00 against the union, and in other instances the "crimes" are to carry the penalties set out in the Penal Code, and "damages" may be recovered in an unlimited amount; also injunctions against any activity which is declared "unlawful" by the proposal.

The Federation is mailing copies of the text of the bill to all of the unions for their study. Every effort will be made to prevent the people of California from becoming embroiled in another fight, because of the undying hatred of trade unions that seems to be the policy of a small selfish clique in the southern part of the state.

There Probably Wouldn't Have Been Such Fuss If They'd Known

Oakland, California

After all the fuss raised by the GOP about "illegal registration" in California, aimed at attacking the Democratic vote, the first arrest made was of an Oakland woman who came here from Louisiana in January 1944 and hence had not lived here long enough to vote November 7.

The payoff: she had registered as a Republican!

Native Daughters Deny Any Backing Of Proposition 12

(Release from Office of State Federation of Labor)

San Francisco, Calif.

We are printing below a letter addressed to the Federation by the Grand Secretary of the Grand Parlor of the Native Daughters of the Golden West, dated November 6, 1944:

"According to our telephone conversation of last Friday, I took the matter of Proposition No. 12 up with our Grand President.

"The Native Daughters of the Golden West did not endorse Proposition No. 12. At no time during the entire Grand Parlor session was Proposition No. 12 presented in an amendment or resolution form and voted upon by the delegates.

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HEALTH

By Dr. Geo.
Sciaroni

Fresno
Calif.We Treat Our Poor
Like Moral Lepers

The fear and dread of leprosy is as old as history. The oldest books of China speak of it.

During New Testament times, the leper regarded as unclean, crouched on the streets begging for bread enough to keep sustenance in his diseased body. People walking in the streets avoided the lepers like piles of human vermin, pulling their robes aside so they might not touch the diseased one. The victims lay by the roadside, existing on crusts of bread tossed at them in scorn until they died from hunger and exposure.

Leprosy has been found in every country and every climate where human beings are found. Leprosy is still found in every country from mountain to seacoast, from the equator to the polar regions.

Many attempts have been made to discover the cause of leprosy. Some scientists of the nineteenth century believed that the eating of raw fish was the cause of leprosy. This theory has since proved fallacious.

Brave men and women have given their lives trying to discover the cause and cure of leprosy, but this is still a mystery disease among physicians and scientists.

The leper has been used as an example of the unclean and pitiable creature throughout the ages.

Some countries declared a beggar day for lepers, when they could ask alms in the name of Allah!

A favorite treatment for leprosy was a bath and good rub down with goose oil. Some authorities of the Middle Ages contended that oil was really better.

In some countries lepers are declared legally dead. Many countries today are as barbarous as the people of the Middle Ages in treating cases of leprosy. In the United States the commitments are voluntary. But in the Philippines and in Hawaii a leper is compelled to enter a leprosarium.

With adequate medical research, leprosy might be eliminated altogether.

Shall we, like the crusader of old, toss a piece of gold in scorn at the men, women and children in our land who are ill, and do not have the ability to pay for medical care? Shall we continue to throw the indigent ill into the charity hospitals of our land where they are often treated like guinea pigs?

Shall we make economic lepers of the underprivileged? Let's determine to win the peace by giving full medical care to every man, woman, and child in our land!



THE MARCH OF LABOR



THE UNASHAMED ACCOMPANIST, by Gerald Moore. Published by The Macmillan Company, New York. Price \$1.50.

GERALD MOORE
Author of
"The Unashamed Accompanist".
(Macmillan)

Here at last, is a much sought-after book that can be used by the aspiring accompanist. This little volume indicates the lines along

which a would-be follower of the art of accompaniment should work.

Gerald Moore, the author, is a professional pianist and has accompanied many famous artists, a few of which are: Messrs. Chaliapin, Kipnis, Melchior, Schorr, Jansen, and McCormack as well as having appeared before the Queen when Her Majesty paid her first visit to a series of concerts given by the National Gallery, organized in 1939 by Dame Myra Hess.

Such details, which are so very often overlooked, are clearly and lucidly given by the author in such an inspiring way as to make this book a veritable bible for the would-be accompanist, for it abounds in wise advice from one of the greatest of all accompanists.

Just a few of the many subjects covered in this book are: Preparation, Practising, Rehearsing, Bad Habits to Avoid, Pedaling, and Producing a Beautiful Tone.

In revealing the means by which such a professional may stand on his own feet as an artist, the author renders a real service to the individual and makes a definite contribution to musical literature.

—H. L. THORNTON.

POEM OF THE WEEK

The Old Suffragist

She could have loved—her woman-passions beat
Deeper than theirs, or else she had not known
How to have dropped her heart beneath their feet
A living stepping-stone.

The little hands—did they not clutch her heart?
The guarding arms—was she not very tired?
Was it an easy thing to walk apart,
Unresting, undesired?

She gave away her crown of woman-praise,
Her gentleness and silent girlhood grace
To be a merriment for idle days,
Scorn for the market-place.

She strove for an unvisioned, far-off good,
For one far hope she knew she should not see:
These—not her daughters—crowned with motherhood
And love and beauty—free.

—MARGARET WIDDEMER.

STARS IN SERVICE

DO YOU RECOGNIZE THIS WEST POINT HALFBACK?

IT'S GENERAL EISENHOWER
AN ACCOUNT OF THE 1943 ARMY-COLGATE GAME SAYS, "EISENHOWER COULD NOT BE STOPPED!" NOR WILL HIS ARMIES IF YOU BACK THEM UP BY BUYING WAR BONDS!

ALAN MAVER

GIGGLES AND GROANS

COSY MINISTER

A very deaf old lady from Balaam's Crossing, Arkansas, went to visit her daughter in St. Louis. After being there a few days she was taken quite ill and her granddaughter, fearing that it might be appendicitis, sent for the doctor. She asked the doctor to make an examination but to be very casual about it, so as not to frighten her grandmother.

After spending a half an hour with the old lady, the doctor came out and reported that all she needed was a complete rest. Very much relieved that it was nothing serious, the girl took her sewing and went to her grandmother's room for a chat.

"How did you like my doctor?" she asked.

"Your doctor!" The old lady began to giggle. "Child, I thought you said he was your preacher—and I was just laying here thinking how ministerial city preachers were."

BY THE SCOOPFUL

MYRTIE: Do you know why Maize has ears like a steam shovel?

GERTIE: Sure—because they're always picking up dirt.

HIST TO THE LISP

An alert copy-reader on a paper couldn't believe it—the reporter's story of the theft of 2025 pigs.

"That's a lot of pigs," he growled, and called the farmer to check the copy.

"Was it 2025 pigs that were stolen?"

The victimized farmer replied:

"Yeth."

"Thanks," said the copy-reader, and corrected the copy to two sows and 25 pigs.

REAL POSSIBILITIES

Two sailors were at the circus and as they passed the menagerie section one noticed a camel with twin humps and exclaimed:

"Eoy, that would look good in a sweater, wouldn't it?"

TERRIBLE SYMPTOMS

A board of psychiatrists was testing the mentality of a Negro soldier. "Do you ever hear voices without being able to tell who is speaking or where the voices come from?" he was asked.

"Yes, suh," answered the Negro.

"And when does it occur?"

"When I answers de telephone."

REASONABLY CERTAIN

Caller: "Is your mother engaged?"

Little Boy: "I think she's married."

IT'S COMING TO THIS

"My poor uncle gets dizzy spells from cigarettes."

"Is that what inhaling them does to him?"

"No, that's what bending down and picking them off the sidewalk does to him."

VERY PARTICULAR

"A woman fell overboard from a ship yesterday, and a shark came up and looked her over and went away."

"He never touched her."

"No. He was a man-eating shark."

EVER TRY THIS, FOLKS

"What is a tactful way for a girl's father to let her boy friend know that it is high time to leave?"

"He may casually pass through the room with box of breakfast food."

QUITE COMMON

A speaker before a woman's club, talking on Iran (Persia's new name), was telling how careless men over there are with their wives. It was an uncommon sight, he said, to see a woman and a donkey hitched up together.

A lady in the audience piped up: "That's nothing—you can see that here, too."

WHO'S CRAZY NOW?

A visitor at a state insane asylum had gone all through the buildings and wards and had wound up on a walk around the beautiful grounds. He came to a lovely little shaded nook and on a bench sat three men patients. They said nothing, but watched him until he came to a clean, white stone upon which these words were carved: "Turn me over." The man turned the rock over after a hard pull, and found on the underside of the stone these words:

"Now, turn me back again, so that I can catch some other dope." There was loud laughter from the bench where the three patients sat.

TRUE LOVE

A shy lad wanted to marry the girl, but he felt he would choke if he tried to mention the words "marry" or "marriage" to her. So, after giving much thought to the problem, he asked her in a whisper one evening, "Julia, how would you like to be buried with my people?"

EVER TRY THIS, FOLKS?

An American applied at a recruiting office to enlist.

"I suppose you want a commission," said the officer.

"No, thanks," was the reply. "I'm such a poor shot, I'd rather work on straight salary."

Avery Takes It On Chin!
SUPREME COURT DECISION
UPHOLDS UNCLE SAM, UNION
IN MONTGOMERY WARD SUIT

(Release from Office of California State Federation of Labor)

The "fighting" Mr. Avery of Montgomery Ward & Co. has been knocked down for the final count of ten by the Supreme Court. Most people remember the events of last spring when Mr. Avery, following his persistent and well-known anti-union proclivities, defied the War Labor Board and dared the United States Government to seize his plants. His dare did not deter the United States Government from taking those steps thought necessary to the furthering of the war effort, and as specified in the Constitution and as granted in Acts of Congress.

Decisions of the War Labor Board are to be regarded as arising under the President's war powers and are thus not reviewable by the courts.

Thus, another labor-baiting employer has been laid low in spite of his legalistic bickerings. Mr. Avery has come to the end of his legal rope. The ruling of the Supreme Court means that he and others of that small minority of law defying employers must accept collective bargaining and the implementation to collective bargaining given by decisions of the War Labor Board.

President Green
Of AFL Pleased
At Poll ResultsWashington, D. C.
Hailing the election results as a triumph for labor, AFL Pres. William Green said, the American people have overwhelmingly rejected isolationism and endorsed by acclamation the goals of quick victory and post-war jobs for all.

The rejection of isolationism, Green said, "should be clear to everyone and it is the best possible augury for the establishment of lasting peace based upon international cooperation."

To attain the goals of a speedy victory and a post-war program of economic security with jobs for all Americans must forget and forgive campaign antagonisms and march forward united as never before toward prompt victory and enduring peace, the AFL president said.

Commenting on results from congressional contests, Green said returns now indicate victory for an overwhelming large number of candidates endorsed by the AFL, in accordance with its non-partisan political policy.

Give Thanks for G.I. Joe
-this year

THis year in serious observance of the Thanksgiving season we can all give thanks for the youth, the strength and courage of G.I. Joe. He may not share our peace and comfort with us this Thanksgiving, although he is fighting that we may have these blessings.

Right now, in the midst of holiday observance, we can show our thanks to G.I. Joe by buying War Bonds. The Sixth War Loan drive is on from November 20 to December 16. Buy EXTRA War Bonds... Thanksgiving Bonds! Give G.I. Joe the weapons and the equipment he needs to finish the job in '45.

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NO DOUBT ABOUT IT

Tokyo radio, commenting on the vote for President, declared that "America is going to the dogs." No doubt because Fala was given another four years in the White House.

ECONOMICS QUIZ

Employment is where the production is. Loans to foreign countries to be paid in goods give employment—but where?

TIP TO MOTORISTS
"So you assembled your car entirely from second-hand parts? What did it cost you?"
"Not a cent—I live near a railway crossing."

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Railroad Weekly Says Labor Votes Helped to Build Liberal Congress

Washington, D. C.
Both houses of the next Congress will be much more progressive, says Labor, the official publication of the Standard Railroad Labor Organizations, in its last issue.

In the lead story, Labor says, "The largest labor vote in the history of our country contributed mightily to the result. Roosevelt and Truman lagged in the country, but tremendous majorities in the cities swept them to victory.

"From the point of view of labor," the story continues, "the new Congress should be much more progressive than the one which is about to pass out of existence."

"Gov. Dewey made an impressive showing, but he was frightenedly handicapped by his party's record on economic issues.

"From time to time, during the last two years, Labor addressed a word of warning to the Republicans in the House and Senate. It told them that when they formed an alliance with the 'sweatshop' Democrats from the south to put over such legislation as the Smith-Connally bill and to defeat such measures as the Kilgore bill, they were belying their party's ancient boast that it was the advocate of good wages and the 'full dinner pail.'

"Such a course could only end in disaster," Labor suggested. Its advice fell on deaf ears, the paper declared.

Buy U. S. War Bonds!

Problem of the Foreman: LABOR DEPT. PUBLICATION TELLS UNIONS HOW TO GET ALONG WITH STRAW BOSSSES

Washington, D. C.
Foremen, as direct representatives of management, can help a company maintain good labor relations by intelligent working with the union and shop stewards, according to a newly published U. S. Department of Labor Bulletin entitled "The Foreman's Guide to Labor Relations."

The 28-page pamphlet, available through the Superintendent of Documents, U. S. Printing Office, Washington, explains the foreman's responsibility and sets him right on the right of workers to join unions and to bargain collectively.

One interesting truth in the U. S. document says, "We stated at the outset that workers form their opinion of the company largely on the basis of their foreman's words and actions. Their opinion as to the sincerity and good faith of the company's promises will be reflected in the attitude taken by the union negotiating committee."

ESTABLISHING GOOD FAITH

"Where supervision has ignored or neglected grievances, has hired, laid off or promoted unfairly, or neglected safety, and health factors, collective bargaining will be far more difficult. The union representatives will be suspicious and the mutual good faith necessary to constructive negotiations will be hard to establish."

"On the other hand," the Guide goes on, "where foremen have carefully refrained from violating any provisions of the Wagner Act and have developed a good relationship with their workers, negotiations are freed of many stumbling blocks and specific problems can be discussed and settled far more easily. Under these circumstances, the union is less likely to demand detailed spelling out of every provision but will accept more general statements, leaving the details to be worked out on a mutual basis as the occasion arises. This usually makes for a contract which is easier to administer."

Further on the Guide repeats that the foreman's primary responsibility is to protect the interests and rights of management, but it adds that "the foreman who ignores, withholds, or overrides the agreed rights of the workers destroys all defined (contract) rights. He can hardly expect his employees to understand the rights of management and certainly cannot expect their cooperation in promoting the company's interests."

THE SHOP STEWARD

As to the shop steward, the Guide says he "is to the union what you are to the company. It is his responsibility to protect the rights and interests of the union members just as it is your responsibility to protect management's interests. This relationship should not be permitted to result in personal rivalry, however, but should be a basis for a joint approach to problems with which you are both concerned."

**Phil Pearl Now
Writing Radio
Program; Quits
AFL Clipsheet**

Washington, D. C.
AFL Publicity Director Philip Pearl announced that his last column, Facing the Facts, has appeared in the AFL weekly clip sheet. Pearl has written the weekly piece since May, 1929.

Pearl is handling the writing of the AFL's share of the weekly radio programs to be put on the various national networks after the first of the year.

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Guests of Music Marathon



Members of Local 47, American Federation of Musicians (AFL) in Los Angeles, celebrated their 50th anniversary with a musical marathon, featuring famous orchestras playing for 13 non-stop hours. Honor guests at the birthday party were (l to r): AFM Vice-President Charles L. Bagley, Local 47 Vice-President John T. Green and Local 47 President Spike Wallace. (Federated Pictures)

Fight to Curb Inflation Has Labor Support

San Francisco, Calif.

Organized Labor is giving full support to the current Grocer-Consumer Anti-Inflation Campaign being carried on by trade and consumers groups throughout the nation.

Recently members of AFL, CIO and Railroad Brotherhoods assembled in San Francisco's Radio City to hear a closed-circuit broadcast piped directly from Washington, D. C.; Chester Bowles, National Director of the Office of Price Administration, interviewed Mrs. R. M. Kiefer, Secretary-Manager of the National Retail Grocers Association and Mrs. Stanley Cook, National President of the Parent-Teachers Association and outlined the necessity for rigid price control during the war and reconversion period.

ASK CO-OPERATION

Robert B. Parks, San Francisco District Director of the OPA, told an audience of 400 representatives of labor, the grocery trade and consumers groups that the Anti-Inflation Campaign has been undertaken by the grocery trade to insure full compliance with OPA regulations in every food store in America.

It is the duty of every consumer to cooperate with his grocer to assure control of runaway prices, Parks said.

W. Hadeler, Secretary of the California Retail Grocers Association, spoke briefly following the broadcast. The grocery trade is in this fight against inflation to the finish, Hadeler said.

Vivian Kellems'
**Suit On 'Labor
Herald' To Be
Fought to End**

San Francisco, Calif.
"We're going to keep right on calling Vivian Kellems what she is, if she sue us for the full amount of the U. S. Treasury."

That was the reply of the California CIO Council, the Political Action Committee and the Labor Herald to tax-dodging Vivian's doubling of her ante. First Miss Kellems, wealthy Republican industrialist, sued for half a million because the Labor Herald called her a fascist. Then she demanded a retraction which the paper scornfully refused to give. Now she has filed another suit for libel, this time for a whole million.

The Labor Herald's headlines answering her first suit—"Fascist Vivian Kellems Sues CIO for \$500,000," and "Treasonable Is Still the Word for Vivien"—have caused her, she alleged, a severe and continuing nervous shock and strain, great mental anguish, mortification and humiliation."

That's nothing to what she will suffer when she sees the headlines on the Labor Herald's next story about her.

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Cabinet Rumors

Most opinion in Washington agrees that there will be changes in the Roosevelt cabinet for Term IV. And the most discussed change is in the spot now occupied by Mme. Frances Perkins, with a lot of folks saying that Dr. John Steelman, who has just recently resigned as director of the conciliation service, is a likely candidate.

Steelman, more than any other person suggested, would find the AFL and CIO in agreement. Additionally, he has experience, some zing and get-up-and-go about him that has been rather sadly missing in the department under its present chief.

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BAKERS 24—Meets every third Saturday of month at 7:00 p. m. at Salinas Labor Temple, 117 Pajaro St. Sec., Louis Grasso, 18 Villa St., Salinas; Pres., Ed Holstein; Bus. Agt., Fred L. Goudy, Labor Temple, San Jose; phone Ballard 6341.

JOURNEYMAN BARBERS 827—Meets 3rd Monday, 8 p. m., Teamsters Hall; Pres., F. M. Scott, 41 Abbott St.; Sec., Wm. G. Kenyon, 141 Main St.; office phone 7787, Home phone 8539.

ARTENDERS UNION LOCAL NO. 545: Meets first and third Monday of month, 2:00 p. m., Teamsters Hall; Karl Hess, Sec. and Bus. Agent, Eddie Rose, President.

BUTCHERS UNION 506 (Salinas Branch)—Pres., Bert Davis; Vice Pres., Bill Steinmueller; Fin. Sec., Harry Boch; Rec. Sec., Jim Errington (Earl Moorhead, Exec. Sec. office phone San Jose. Columbus 2120, Del Monte Ave.

CARPENTERS 925—Meets first and third Tuesdays at 7:30, Carpenters' Hall, North Main St. Pres., Roy Willis; Vice-Pres., R. Timmerman; Bus. Agt., George Harter; Sec., H. L. Taft, 243 Clay St., Phone 4246; Treas., R. L. Thurman, 5 Port Ave.; Rec. Sec., Amos Schofield.

CARPENTERS AUXILIARY 373—Business and social meeting fourth Wednesday each month at Carpenters Hall; Pres., Jean Pilliar; Fin. Sec., Bernice Pilliar; Rec. Sec., Blanche Van Emmon.

CULINARY WORKERS' ALLIANCE 467—Meets second and fourth Thursday, 2:30 p. m. at Teamsters' Hall; Pres., Allen Meek; Sec. and Bus. Agt., John E. Phillips, office at Teamsters' Hall.

INTERNATIONAL ALLIANCE OF THEATRICAL STAGE EMPLOYEES AND MOTION PICTURE OPERATORS, LOCAL 611—Meets first Tuesday every other month 10 a. m. in Watsonville Labor Temple; Pres., Art Reina, 605 Mae Ave., Phone Salinas 9795; Bus. Agent James Wilson, 80 Peyton St., Santa Cruz, Phone 1216; Rec. Sec., Chas. Covey, 364 Walnut Ave., Santa Cruz.

INTERNATIONAL BROTHERHOOD OF ELECTRICAL WORKERS, Local Union 243—Meets the first Tuesday in each month at the Labor Temple, 117 Pajaro St., at 8:00 p. m. C. B. Phillips, Bus.-Mgr., Phone 3361, 25 Harvest St. E. M. Bills, Pres., Phone 6524.

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ATHERS UNION NO. 463—Meets in Salinas Labor Temple second and fourth Fridays, 8 p. m. President, Roy R. Benge, Hilby St., Monterey, Phone Monterey 4822; Sec.-Treas. Dean S. Seefeld, 526 Park St., Salinas, Phone 9223.</p

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"In 1936 Sloan said GM would fold up and quit if Roosevelt were elected. Now he says GM would do even better (in post-war expansion) if Roosevelt were not re-elected. The truth is that Sloan won't play ball unless he is the quarterback and can call the signals."

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ALONG CANNERY ROW (AFL Fish Cannery Workers)

FISH CANNERS SEEK STATE-WIDE INITIATIVE FOR PAID VACATIONS

Monterey Fish Cannery Workers have their collective shoulders to the wheel to help Organized Labor throughout California combat the anti-labor attacks of the Merchants and Manufacturers Association. A new plan has been suggested by the F. C. W. Union which calls for a general initiative measure to be qualified for state ballot and which would require every employer to grant two weeks paid vacation each year to every employee.

Business Agent Louis Martin said he will contact the State Federation of Labor with the proposal and will have the FCWU lead the way in getting the measure on the ballot.

It is now a law in New Zealand that every worker be given two weeks off with full pay and the law is said to be improving the quality of workmanship in every field.

Under existing regulations, each union must win its own vacation clause in its contract, and strong unions win good vacation clauses while the weak unions, and the unorganized workers, get no vacations or only weak clauses in agreements where such exist.

The Fish Cannery Workers Union now is seeking to straighten out problems arising under the present reinstatement fee plan. At present workers who are suspended for being behind in dues pay \$4.00 reinstatement fee.

Construction of the new cannery has been started. This is to be the Enterprise Cannery. Floyd Larkin, who was candidate for business agent at the last union election, is working on this job as a carpenter.

Business Agent Louis Martin and Secretary Lester Caveny have devoted some time lately to Hovden's Moss Landing plant, checking on membership and handling other problems there.

A new ruling has affected the catch of sardines. On the "jam" days, or big days, one third of the fishing fleet (23 boats) must fish for the San Francisco area plants or stay in port. This ruling is due to the fact that the plants along Monterey Row have more fish than they can handle and permit quotas are getting exhausted.

Fish are plentiful and of fair quality, although not as firm as last month. It looks like a real banner year.

California Packing Corp. plant has its new refrigeration plant working now for the hollidays. Louis Mathison, member of the union's recent negotiations committee, is chief engineer on the new cooling system.

Union officials are doing an excellent job of getting new workers into the union, in accordance with the contract. Companies are cooperating well, it was reported.

A minor difficulty at the Marine Products Co. has been settled, reported union officials.

The matter of dump buckets and overweights is still being studied by union officials. Data is being collected from workers and from a check of the situation at various plants, some of which use automatic buckets.

Harvey Waugh, member of the union's executive board and employee at the Custom House plant, slipped and fell on a boiler last week. He was taken to the hospital with a fractured skull.

Incidentally, Brother Waugh's wife is in the same hospital, with a serious illness, and his daughter is ill at her home.

The glass and bottle blowers of local 80, employees of the Owens-Illinois Glass Co. plant at Silomar, are pleased with their new contract, which grants them a slight increase in pay on a graduating scale. This unit is a protectorate of the Monterey Fish Cannery Workers Union.

We are glad to see Jerry Reams back on the job again—he's cutting shed foreman at the San Carlos plant.

After spending a day with the union's representatives, contacting workers at a plant to check union standing, the Can Opener begins to realize what a hard job they have—and they do it unusually well!

—THE CAN OPENER.

**L. A. Central Council
Head Hits Tory Group**

Los Angeles, Calif.
A forthright AFL attack on GOP policies and a defense of labor's political action appeared in a signed editorial by Sec. William J. Basset of the Los Angeles Central Labor Council in the Citizen, official AFL newspaper.

They say that a lot of the lame ducks in Congress have returned to Washington, suffering from a kind of political small-pox. It seems that they are PAC-marked.

MINUTES

Bldg. Trades Council

Minutes of the Building and Construction Trades Council of Monterey County, November 16, 1944.

Meeting called to order by President W. J. Dickerson at 8:05 p.m. Roll call showed six Local Unions represented.

Minutes of the previous meeting was read and approved.

All bills were ordered paid.

CORRESPONDENCE

Received a letter from the State Building and Construction Trades Council of California, extending their thanks for the assistance rendered in the fight against Proposition No. 12, which was very decisively defeated, and also sent a copy of another proposed initiative to regulate labor, sponsored by an organization called the Women of the Pacific, all of Los Angeles.

Received the weekly newsletter from the California State Federation of Labor.

Received copies of minutes from the Building and Construction Trades Council of Santa Clara County and the Monterey Peninsula Central Labor Council. Filed.

From the California State Federation of Labor, a letter thanking the effort put in to defeat of Proposition No. 12; and a letter requesting that all Local Unions get out and work to put over the Sixth War Loan.

From the OPA, a list of price ceilings on fruits and vegetables.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

The committee on Proposition No. 12 gave their final report. The only one from Monterey Peninsula donating to support Proposition No. 12 was B. V. McMenamin of 456 Tyler Street.

It was moved and seconded that a letter be sent Mr. McMenamin protesting his support to the anti-labor measure. (Carried.)

BUSINESS MANAGER'S REPORT

Brother Ward reports that the new construction at Fort Ord has been completed and Navy work at the Airport is all but finished. Some of the men working at civil service jobs for the Army at Fort Ord are being released and replaced by prisoners of war. There is work along Cannery Row that needs building crafts men.

Brother Oneil, Plumbers No. 62, good meeting; refreshments afterwards.

Brother Decker, Laborers No. 690; good meeting.

Brother Fales, Electric Workers No. 1072. Good meeting, considerable discussion of the cannery work. The cannery management are asking for maintenance men that will work directly for the firms instead of placing their work with the local electric companies. They held a very fine social evening with their ladies present.

Brother Verbest, Teamsters No. 287; had a very lengthy meeting at the new office, 149 Del Monte; refreshments followed.

Brother Alson, Sheetmetal Workers No. 304; good meeting, initiated new member.

GOOD OF THE COUNCIL

Brother Ward reports that he is opening an office to handle the business of the Farmers Inter-Auto Insurance for the Monterey Bay area at 215 Del Monte Avenue, Monterey. Mrs. Ward will be in charge for the present time, he will remain business manager for the Building and Construction Trades Council until the new business demands his full attention.

No further business to come before the Council, the meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

—L. T. LONG,
Secretary.

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BARBERS LOCAL 896—Meets 1st Thursdays at Bartenders Hall, 301 Alvarado St. President, Ralph Lester